

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the disclosure was objected to. Claims 7 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Claims 5-10 and 12-14 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zettner et al in view of Deppert et al.

In the present invention, the ball bearing, the one-way clutch and the roller bearing are arranged in this order with respect to the alternator. The belt transferring portion of the pulley is located on the side of the roller bearing, together with the one-way clutch. This means that the belt load is borne by the roller bearing having a larger load capacity. Moreover the one-way clutch is disposed near a place the belt load acts, thereby eliminating the trouble of the engagement between the belt and the corresponding groove due to an eccentric load.

In Deppert '393, a ball bearing and a one-way clutch are disposed in reverse order to the present invention, resulting in the one-way clutch being positioned far away from a point where the belt load acts and therefore engagement trouble may occur due to an eccentric load.

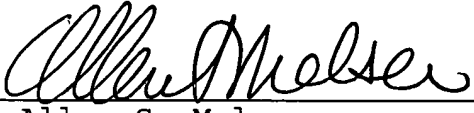
The axial movement of the holder of the one-way clutch is restricted by the inner ring of the ball bearing. Zettner '937 does not have the above-mentioned structure. As a result the roller can move in the axial direction and the skew the roller generates thereby causes seizure.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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